

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Donald Louis Wamp, Sr., of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Donald Louis Wamp, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wamp was an exemplary public servant, consummate professional, and true Southern gentleman who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of a carpenter and homebuilder, Don Wamp was born and raised in Cullman, Alabama, graduating from Cullman High School and earning his bachelor's degree from Auburn University's school of architecture, where he served as the ROTC Cadet Commander, played saxophone in the marching band, and was a proud member of Lambda Chi Alpha; and

WHEREAS, after completing basic training as a commissioned officer, Mr. Wamp met and married the love of his life, Mary Beth Meadows Wamp, and began serving his country with the dedication and conviction of a true patriot as a pilot in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, rising from his humble beginnings, Mr. Wamp eventually became one of the most prominent architects in the South in a career that would span a half a century and result in the design of over 1,000 commercial, residential, and industrial businesses in the Chattanooga area alone;

WHEREAS, he also masterfully designed numerous schools across Tennessee, always producing plans that were practical, efficient, and expertly directed toward meeting the needs of the teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a industrious businessman and brilliant architect, Mr. Wamp was an active and important member of his community and profession, having co-founded the United Bank of Chattanooga and served as the Commissioner of Recreation for the

city of East Ridge, a Captain in the Army National Guard, and both the local and state president of the American Institute of Architects; and

WHEREAS, known for his sportsmanlike conduct both on and off the court, Don Wamp was an avid tennis player who captured a plethora of local and state titles; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Wamp was a man of deep and abiding faith whose godly character was evident to all who were fortunate enough to know him; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his loving parents, Louie and Lois Wamp; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wamp enjoyed the loving companionship of his beloved wife of fifty-six years, Mary Beth Meadows Wamp;

WHEREAS, Don Wamp was the proud father and father-in-law of Congressman Zach and Kim Wamp, Louis and Lynn Wamp, Trent and Tracy Wamp, and Allison and Scott Brewster; the devoted grandfather of sixteen; and the doting great-grandfather of one; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his four sisters and their spouses, June Skipper, Barbara and George Cope, Fran and Joe Brindley, and Glenda and Joe Culver, and a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Don Wamp leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Donald Louis Wamp, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Wamp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.